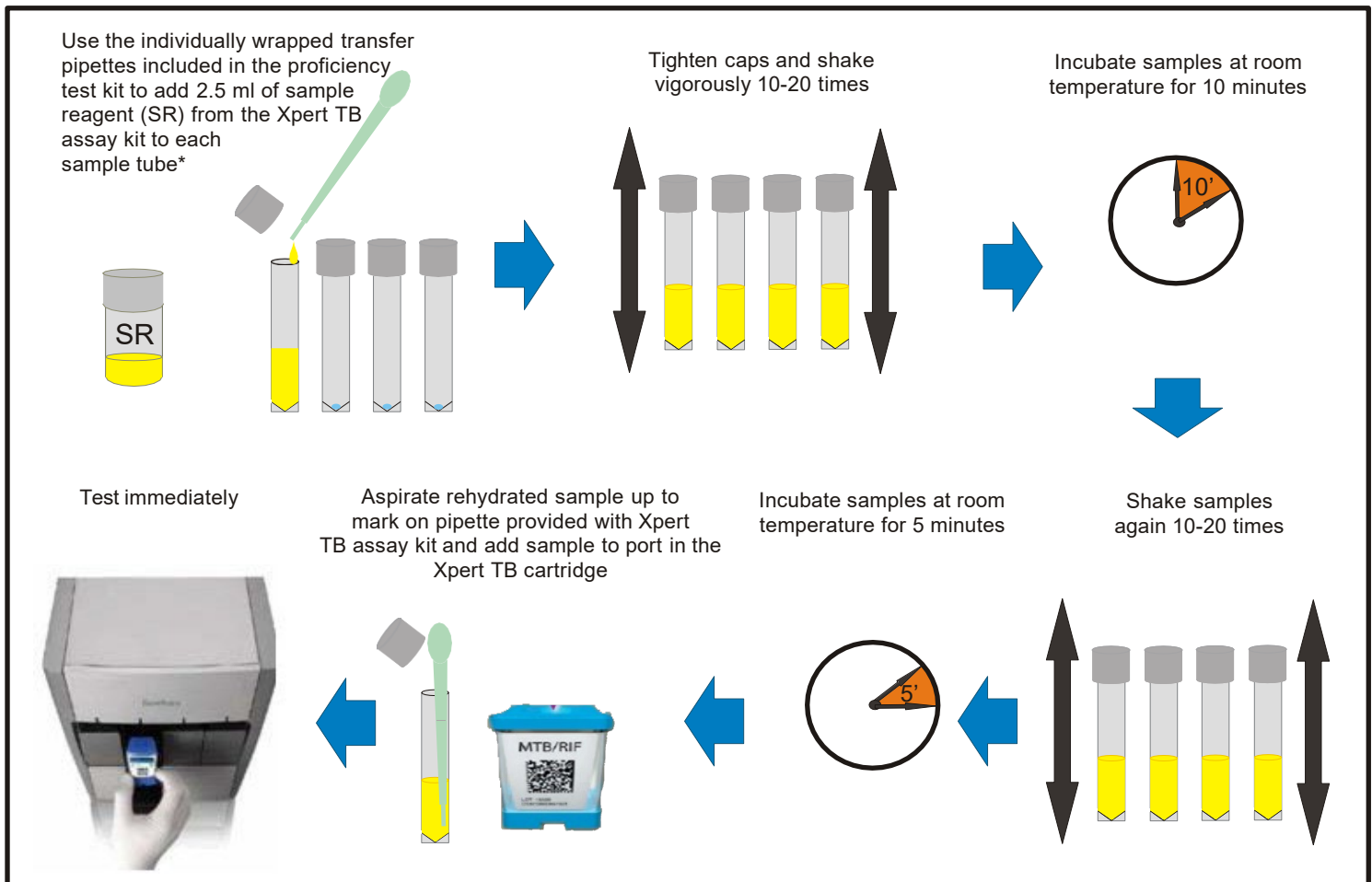


Testing mTB-PT Dried Tube Specimen (DTS) Samples with Xpert® TB Assays

Caution: mTB-PT DTS samples contain nonviable strains of mycobacteria yet should be treated as infectious material. The DTS samples should only be opened in the dedicated testing space where the Xpert® MTB/RIF or Xpert® MTB/RIF Ultra (Xpert TB) assay is performed, using the same precautions and safety measures employed when testing clinical samples.

- Store mTB-PT packet under stable temperature conditions (2-45°C) until testing.
- Treat proficiency test samples as clinical patient samples.
- Only rehydrate the number of DTS samples that can be tested immediately.
- Time between sample rehydration and test initiation should not exceed 30 mins.



*Once rehydrated; mix, incubate, and test as clinical patient samples.